ttorney Docket No.: P13766 **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE plication of: Examiner: Philpott, Justin Technology Center 2600 Harriman, David Application No: 10/040,755 Art Unit: 2665 Filed: December 28, 2001 For: Communicating Message Request Transaction Types between Agents In a Computer System using Multiple Message Groups

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant files this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Preliminary Amendment in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action of March 30, 2004. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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